

JUDGE KINCAID, whose Washington letters to the Louisville Times are always interesting, has recently furnished some information obtained from an old friend of President Lincoln, Judge Nelson, of New York, which is in the nature of news to a large majority of people, and has created quite a sensation. The old gentleman tells the Judge that the stories that make the martyr president a demigod are at variance from the real facts. Mr. Lincoln was a child of nature, with kindly impulses, some streaks of genius and much cunning, but in religion he held about the same belief as Lincoln, and there is no account that he ever changed. In his younger days he wrote a book to prove the fallacy of the plan of salvation and divinity of Christ. The story of his being a lunatic for a time is true, and he went crazy because he could not marry a sister of Judge Edwards, of Logan county, Ky. He was confined for some time in a log hut in Illinois, which was nailed up to prevent his escape and was fed through the cracks between the logs, when some Kentuckians, who had discovered his condition, took him back to Kentucky, and for 18 months he was confined in an asylum. Afterwards he married a Miss Todd, and the marriage was a most unhappy one. She was a regular shrew and led him through a most unhappy life, fawning and quarrelling at him all the time and taunting him for his plebeian origin for which she had such contempt. Stanton, his secretary of war, gave him a great deal of trouble, and on one occasion Lincoln said that he had treated him meaner than any man living. Some one told him one day that Stanton had called him an old fool, but Mr. Lincoln dismissed the subject by saying in a melancholy manner, "Well, I don't know but what Stanton is right." The whole story is a very sad one and will change many erroneous ideas of the life of one of the grandest men the country has ever produced, though many of us failed to regard him in that light 20 years ago, nor even until his great services to his country had been so fully shown.

CITY manners are not much improved on our rural ways, if the following from the Louisville Times is to be taken as evidence. Says that paper: Last night a Louisville councilman called the august president of the lower board "a liar" and another councilman branded a statement of an alderman as "a dirty, infamous lie." There was a fist fight, a dead-lock and other things of the kind of the tender grace of the good old days that were erroneously supposed to be forever. The alleged liar was Dr. Gary Blackburn, son of our late friend, the governor, and he resented the indignity by mashing his accuser in the mouth.

THE Louisville Post prints a sensational telegram from Cincinnati to the effect that Henry Watterson, who was in that city, had formed an alliance with Murat Halstead and John R. McLean to slaughter Cleveland and unite on Blaine as his successor. We doubt the story, in fact we know it is untrue, though Mr. Watterson's recent criticisms of Cleveland and laudations of Blaine may give color to the story. However, whether true or not, Mr. Watterson is manufacturing campaign ammunition for the enemy daily, which may be used with telling effect against us in 1888.

J. M. KERN, of the Jessamine Journal, who was preparing to make extensive improvements in his paper with the new year, lost everything in the destructive conflagration at Nicholasville Thursday night. Fortunately he had sufficient insurance to enable him to partly replace his plant, and we hope to receive the pleasant weekly visits of his paper again before many days.

THE best thing that the New Year brought to us was the Owensboro Daily Messenger, a beautifully-printed seven-column paper, and full of readable matter as an egg is of meat. It is a big undertaking to run a daily newspaper, but its editors, Messrs. C. W. Beauford and Urey Woodson, have counted the costs and are equal to the task.

WE congratulate our young friend, Morgan T. Craft, of London, on the arrival of his first born, a son, whose name he has named Joe Walton. If our little namesake should grow up to be as good a man as his excellent father, we shall feel even prouder of him than we now do of the honor that has been conferred on us, as highly as we appreciate it.

THE president can not be a very sick man, unless the ordeal made him so. He stood up three hours at his New Year's reception and shook hands with every one of the vast throng who came to pay their respects and get a glimpse of him and Frankie.

JAMES P. BARBOUR, police judge of Lebanon, and an old newspaper man, died very suddenly Friday, aged 76. He was as fine an old gentleman as ever lived and a man of excellent ability.

IN Louisville during 1886, licenses were granted to 1,832 couples to marry and divorces were decreed to 143 couples. This latter record is nearly as bad as Chicago's.

Col. L. D. Baldwin, deputy collector of Internal Revenue, fell from the second story of a burning building, on the night of this day at Nicholasville and was so

One of the best men mentioned for the governorship, Dr. E. D. Standford, of Louisville, says that he is no sense a candidate for that office, but intends to enter the race for Senator to succeed Mr. Beck and run to the finish. This is a quantity, and a large one, that has not been heretofore considered in the Senatorial problem and mixes up calculations as to the result considerably. Senator Beck, it seems, will have to hump himself if he would take on six more years of official life.

Gov. Knorr has pardoned James Farris, who was sent to the penitentiary from Bourbon county for ten years for killing a negro, when, if the facts are as we heard them at the time, he should have suffered the death penalty. Farris engaged in a wrestle with the negro, if we remember right, and because he threw him he got mad and killed him. The pardon is, however, in the line of the impression made by judge and jury that it is no legal wrong to kill a negro.

NOTES OF CURRENT EVENTS.

—The public debt was reduced \$8,000,000 during December.

—In the Northwest the mercury has registered during the present cold snap from 25° to 45° below zero.

—Judge Gresham is credited with saying in a letter that Blaine will be the republican nominee in 1888 and will be elected.

—Several hundred people are reported to have been burned or crushed during the fire in the Fair building at Madras, India.

—Col. W. H. Bolton, ex-Superintendent of second-class mail matter in Chicago, has been found guilty of stealing \$12,000 from the government.

—George W. Hill, who killed a married man, one J. D. Potter, for persisting in sending notes to his daughter, was acquitted at Norfolk, Va.

—The Anarchists of Chicago who belong to the Knights of Labor recent very bitterly Mr. Powderly's just denunciation of the red flag and its followers.

—Robbers went into a store at Cincinnati and took \$550 from the proprietor, an Italian, and got off with their booty. Cincinnati is the Paris of America.

—Lander J. Bueard, of Wabash, Ind., who had been a cripple from a boy, fell on the ice and getting up discovered his legs were again in the right condition.

—Midway has adopted the high license system. The privilege of selling liquors has been raised to \$500 and in consequence two of the four saloons have closed.

—The committee on programme has fixed July 7, 8 and 9 as the time of the next meeting of the Kentucky State Teachers Association and Louisville as the place.

—Isaac Bickel, an aged farmer, at Anamosa, Iowa, attempted to chastise his nineteen year old son, when the latter struck him a single but fatal blow with a heavy stick.

—Gen. W. W. Loring, formerly of the United States army, and still later of the Egyptian army, died at the St. Denis Hotel, in New York.

—James Kenmore, an orphan, 14 years of age, hanged himself in a barn near Peotone, Ill. He had attended a Christmas gathering of children, where all received presents except him.

—The court house at Campton in Wolfe county was destroyed by fire, Loss \$12,000, besides most of the county records. The fire was the work of incendiaries, who wished to destroy indictments against them.

—Eight of the principal companies of the country interested in building iron bridges, and representing about \$100,000,000 of capital, have formed a union for the promotion of their common welfare in matters of especial importance to themselves.

—During the year just closing 8,010 miles of new main line railway track have been laid in the United States, Kansas leading, with 1,520 miles, the greater part of which was laid in the last six months. The cost of roadway alone, for all the States, is estimated at \$160,000,000.

—An officer, searching for a body in the medical colleges of Atlanta, discovered the bodies of twelve persons, ten of whom he had known in life, one of them, a lady, having had a costly funeral within a month, while several of them were persons who had been generally known in the city.

—A dispatch from Berlin says: The removal of the snow which fell in the late storm has revealed an appalling loss of life. Many travelers were overtaken by the storm. Fifty bodies have been found in Saxony, 30 in Thuringia, and 40 in southern Germany. It is estimated that the total loss of life will be nearly 200.

—George Shepard, of Iowa, has lost three wives by the "accidental discharge" of his revolver. The authorities didn't take any action in the first two cases, knowing that George was rather careless, but when the third wife was peppered out of existence the other day the husband was arrested and held for murder. —[Milwaukee Sentinel.]

—Cluverius, under sentence of death for the murder of Fannie Lillian Madison, in Richmond, Va., has sent out circulars to members of the General Assembly, begging them to sign a petition asking the governor to grant him a reprieve until they meet. His hope is that the Legislature will ask the governor to commute his sentence to imprisonment for life.

—Edi Crow died in Jessamine county in the 93rd year of his age. His death was caused by pneumonia, the result of exposure to a rain-storm while hauling corn a few weeks ago. Ten of his twelve children survive him, as do scores of grandchildren, dozens of great-grandchildren and a few great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Crow is still living, aged 85 years.

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stain from the use of intoxicating liquors, under the ministrations of Francis Murphy since he came among us, two weeks ago. This is a glorious record for a man whose labors are devoted to the good of the people, and who does not seek to shape political conditions before producing moral results. —[Cincinnati Commercial.]

—The statistics of failures for the year 1886 show a slight falling off compared with 1885. The number in the United States is 9,834, against 10,637 in 1885, a decrease of 803. The liabilities are \$114,000,000 against \$124,000,000 in 1885. Failures seem recently to have been unusually numerous, and the figures for the last quarter of 1886 show 2,746, against 2,460 in the last quarter of 1885. The liabilities were respectively \$37,000,000 and \$25,000,000.

—Nicholsville suffered the worst fire Thursday night in her history. It originated in the Journal office and that and a dozen other buildings were burned, nearly all substantial business houses. The Vandalia Hotel, Sparks' Opera House, C. M. Boulden's hardware establishment, Mrs. Crutcher's millinery, Smithwick's bakery, the warehouses of H. H. Crow, and the residence of Dr. Fish are some of the buildings burned. Loss \$75,000. The Lexington fire company arrived in time to prevent the entire town from being destroyed.

—Pulaski seems to have had an average Christmas. Wyatt Norflett shot fatally a young man named Wood. Alex Stroud and one Logan had a row at Eabanks and Speed Adams, in attempting to part them, got a fatal bullet for his trouble. At Burnside Lee Nelson, aged 23, gave one of Ben Chestnut's little boys a terrible beating. Mr. Chestnut's oldest son took the boy's part. He armed himself with a club and started in search of Nelson. He soon found him and without a word of warning pounced on Nelson, beating him until he was senseless. Nelson's skull was crushed in. One eye was knocked out, and he was mashed and bruised almost into a pulp.

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DANVILLE, BOYLE COUNTY.

—Wm. M. Fields, Jr., has sold out his dry goods establishment to Robertson & Kinnaird his next door neighbors.

—Mr. W. L. Caldwell saw his thermometer stood at 2° above zero Sunday morning and at zero this (Monday) morning.

—An entertainment given by Mrs. W. K. Argo on Friday evening is pronounced by persons present to have been an elegant affair.

—Mr. Robert Harding went to Frankfort this morning to attend to the interests of the county in the suit of Mrs. May vs. the county for infringement on a patent jail lock.

—The Democratic County Committee met Saturday evening and called a primary election for the 21 Saturday in April to nominate a candidate for the Legislature. The vote is to be viva voce.

—Mr. D. N. Young, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel at Junction City, has in a cage at his house a fine specimen of a young wild cat captured in the knobs. It is about three times as large as the largest of house cats.

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